

# 1 **Deeds of the Flesh, Fruit of the Spirit pt 2**

**Galatians 5:22-26**

**18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.**

**Law** is like a radar speed trap - intimidates - makes you obey for a time (**until out of range**) - penalizes you when caught. **But** it doesn't help you drive any better. So too the moral law shows you how wrong you are - creates guilt but it can't correct behavior – can't bring a sense of wellbeing, freedom & fellowship with God. **The walk of the spirit can.**

**22 But the fruit of the Spirit is...pause**

Fruit is the natural process of being connected to a source of life. Branch of an apple, mango tree produces as it abides in the life source of the trunk.

Fruit grows when a branch is united to the trunk & draws its source of life from the thing producing life & will have a like nature.

**John 15:1-12 I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that It may bear more fruit.**

Two ideas are indicated in the **pruning** process: **Clip** & **wash**—Both for the same end, to increase the yield of fruit. **Illus** **Clip** > **front hedges**. **Wash** > **dirt, disease, bugs, entanglement that impedes growth**. **So** spiritually we **clip** unruly, crowded life of things hindering growth-get rid of dead things. **Wash** sin, compromise, lethargy by repentance & restoration

**3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in Me & I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.**

**Abide** (7 vs 4-10; 10 x's) -To-stay in one place, permanent dwelling, don't depart, to endure, survive, continue as one-don't become different.

**Eccl 1:4 A generation goes and a generation comes, but the earth abides forever.**

**John 14:23 Jesus answered and said to him; "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word & My Father will love him, & We will come to him & make Our **abode** w/ him.**

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***John 8:31 So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine;***

The natural process of abiding is fruit....,papaya trees don't stress, don't get anxious, grunt and groan, stress and strain to produce papayas. At the proper time fruit grows.

***Ps 1:1-3 How blessed is the man... his delight is in the law of the LORD, & in His law he meditates day & night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields fruit in its season & its leaf does not wither & in whatever he does, he prospers.***

**Gestation** period of development inside living organism. Womb-40 weeks; Elephant-22 months; Kangaroo-39 days; Sheep-5 months; Lion-15 weeks. So too w/ fruit—apples (2-5 yrs) different than bananas(4-6 weeks). Pears (4-6 years) Papaya (9-14 months) Some areas of life bear fruit more quickly & easily than others. Some fruit takes longer. Notice fruit is singular not fruits of the spirit. What follows are different manifestations of the fruit of love or fruits of the fruit.

**22 .....love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.**

**Love**-Agape—God kind of love. **Phileo**-brotherly (mutual). **Eros**—erotic (self-seeking). Agape is a choice you make a decision to love-looking out for welfare of others w/o expectation of return.

***1 Jn 4:7-8 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. Evidence of walk in spirit is do we love***

***2 Cor 5:14 For the love of Christ controls us. Rom 13:10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law-***

***Gal 5:13 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom Into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. beer can***

***1Thes 3:12 and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people..***

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**1 Pet 4:8 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. *Fervent-bring to a boil***

**Rev 24-5 But I have this against you, that you have your left your first love. Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first**

**JOY** — be glad, bright, shine, rejoice — **Prov 13:9 The light of the righteous rejoices, but the lamp of the wicked goes out *To leap, go round in a circle, twirl, exuberant joy -***

**2 Sam 6:14-16 And David was dancing before the LORD w/ all his might, & David was wearing a linen ephōd. So David & all the house of Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD w/ shouting and the sound of the trumpet Then-it happened as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David that Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window & saw King David leaping & dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart**

Always the joy spoilers, frozen chosen, freezer geezers. The natural result of fellowship w/ God is joy. **Ps 16:11 You will make known to me the path of life; in your presence is fullness of joy, In your right hand there are pleasures forever.**

God is not stiff, rigid & hard, frowning on fun - offended when we laugh, joke w/ humor. ***Illus organ player dour, sullen***

**Zeph 3:17 The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over you with joy, he will quiet you with His love, he will rejoice over you with singing.**

**John 15:11 These things I have-spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your-joy may be made full. *Fullness, overflowing—not to have joy as a believer in Christ is uncharacteristic.***

**Peace**--Inner tranquility, not at war w/ self or others, sense of well-being, a whole person - **Ps 119:165 Those who love-your law have great peace, and nothing causes them to stumble.**

**Ps 4:8 In peace I will both lie down & sleep, for you alone, O LORD, make me to dwell in safety. *Ever try sleep w/ troubled mind-toss, turn—try memorize script***

**Isa 26:3 You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed *focused, centered* on You, because he trusts in You .(NKJ) *when we don't trust we don't have peace***

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Being made right w/ God our mind is at peace. *Rom 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*John 14:27 Peace I leave w/ you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful **not smooth calm waters but troubled, threatening seas***

**Patience**-toward others-to suffer long-unruffled, constant calm dealing w/ difficult people-*Reuben. to dwell above...* Prayer-*I want patience & I want it now!* Patience submits to Gods providence & bears up under the duties & conflicts of life

*Rom. 2:4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of HIS kindness & tolerance & patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?*

*2 Pet 3:9,15 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. 15 and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation **God not hasty in dealing w/ us, doesn't give ultimatums—we do w/ our kids***

We are to be like Him *Eph 4:31-32 Let all bitterness & wrath & anger & clamor & slander be put away from you, along w/ all malice. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you*

**Kindness**-meeting needs of others; moral goodness; gentleness

*Job 6:14 For the despairing man there should be kindness from his friend; so that he does not forsake the fear of the Almighty.*

*Pr 19:22 What is desirable in a man is his kindness.*

**Goodness**-*agathosune* intrinsic goodness-quality as a person-*only in bible/not secular*), honesty of heart, integrity of life, praiseworthy character-*thru Christ*.

New Unger's It expresses the supreme benevolence, holiness, & excellence of the divine character, the sum of all God's attributes. *Ex 33:19 I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you Eph 5:9 for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness & righteousness & truth*

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**Faithfulness**-The trait of one who is reliable--moral conviction of truth--constant in their faith, loyalty toward God. Negative would be - *Prov 25:19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a bad tooth and a foot out of joint NKJ **unreliable***

**Positive** - Centurion w/ the sick servant *Matt 8:10 Truly I say to you, I have not found such greater faith with anyone in Israel.*

Paralytic lowered thru the roof *Matt 9:2 Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven.*

Woman with the issue of blood *Matt 9:22 Daughter, take courage your faith has made you well. At once the woman was made-well. **Steadfastness in character in relation to God—not see bro/sis 5,10,20 yrs and still constant w/ Lord.***

**Gentleness**-mild disposition, meek of spirit (strength under control).

*2 Cor 10:1 Now I, Paul, myself urge you by the meekness & gentleness of Christ, I who am meek when face to face w/ you, but bold toward you when absent! **Paul motivated by gentleness not threats***

*Gal 6:1 Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual,- restore such a one in a spirit of meekness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. **Paul doesn't come w/ club but w/ tenderness***

**Self-control** - master over sin nature—control over passions—rule over desires whether alcoholic or shopaholic you are self-mastered. Giving greater ability to run the spiritual race w/ endurance.

*Acts 24:25 But as he was discussing righteousness, self-control & the judgment to come, Felix became frightened & said, Go away for the present, and when I find time **more convenient time** I will summon you. **Never a convenient time for mastering passions of the flesh***

*1Cor 9:25 Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable*  
*Prov 16:32 He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who captures a city. **Some want to conquer Wall Street, others Political power, but those who rule their spirit are better than the rest.***

*24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit*